

law enforcement in my district who are helping to keep their communities safe.

First, there is West Lafayette Police Officer Brian Danosky who risked his own life to provide lifesaving care to a 22-year-old who had a gunshot wound.

In Frankfort, Indiana, Sergeant Chris Salaba was awarded Officer of the Year last year for helping his department overcome challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Putnam County, Sheriff Scott Stockton and his deputies kept deadly drugs off of our streets by seizing 225 pounds of meth.

These are just a few of the examples of police officers working to keep our neighborhoods safe.

I think it is important to highlight their work and remind citizens that most police officers are good people who want to protect their communities and serve the people within them.

RECOGNIZING THE RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Riverheads High School football team of Augusta County, Virginia, who recently won the Commonwealth's class 1 State football champion.

After a close first quarter, the Gladiators scored 34 points in the second quarter, propelling them to a resounding 65-29 victory over the Galax Maroon Tide.

Riverheads has now won a notable five consecutive State titles. Senior running back Zac Smiley, who led the team with 121 rushing yards, said: "It almost feels normal, but it's not."

The Riverheads' running game had been strong all season, which allowed the Gladiators to catch the Maroon Tide off guard with an impressive three passing touchdowns, culminating in an all-around unstoppable offense.

When asked what the pressure was like to win again, Head Coach Robert Casto said: "We didn't get caught up in all of that stuff." He said their victory "was just a byproduct of the hard work these kids have put in."

Indeed, every State championship is earned, not given, and this squad certainly earned it.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and staff on their remarkable accomplishment.

BUSINESSES NEED WORKERS

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to be the voice for business owners in my district, who, again, have been kicked while they are down.

This majority and President Biden insist people need more unemployment

benefits. They don't. There is a record number of open jobs, more than 8 million, of which only 266,000 of those jobs have been filled. That means that this administration is incentivizing people not to work.

For President Biden to suggest that we need to spend another \$4 trillion on the backs of our children and grandchildren to get back to work is insane.

The jobs are there. The incentives to take the jobs are not.

This nationwide problem is impacting Michiganders. In fact, the biggest issue that I hear from business owners in my district is not about COVID or mask mandates or vaccines. They need workers.

I am calling on the Speaker to actually go out into her district and learn what businesses actually need. They don't need more money. They don't need more stimulus. They need more employees.

COLONIAL PIPELINE ATTACK

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the energy crisis created by the Russian hack of the Colonial Pipeline is impacting my district in the worst possible way. Gas prices have skyrocketed. Lines are forming all across the great State of North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I am here today to say what few politicians will, but what most of the Americans believe. We were attacked. We were attacked by a foreign entity, and the current administration has done nothing in response.

When our leadership is weak, our Nation suffers.

You don't believe me?

Take a look outside. Our border has dissolved into ruin, gas prices are skyrocketing, and the dollar is worth less and less each day. Israel is burning, China is rising, and Russia attacks our homeland.

All the while, the American people wonder when this administration will finally grow a backbone and stand firm against a growing wave of international tyranny. President Biden is weakening our defenses. The wolves are at the gates, and America's leader is asleep at the wheel.

But you know what?

Thank heavens we have a President who doesn't tweet mean things anymore.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNTAIN FIFES AND DRUMS OF TWIN PEAKS, CALIFORNIA

(Mr. OBERNOLTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise in proud recognition of the Moun-

tain Fifes and Drums music program in my own district in Twin Peaks, California.

This program is dedicated to the patriotic mission of teaching young Americans, age 10 to 18, appreciation of and performance of 18th century military music.

They do this through instruction in classic musical instruments, such as the fife and the rope tension drum. I am extremely proud that the Mountain Fifes and Drums music program is performing today in Mt. Vernon, appropriately, the home of our first Commander in Chief, George Washington.

It warms my heart that programs like this exist to teach this patriotic art and appreciation of this unique period of American history to a new generation of Americans.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE CARLOS ROMERO BARCELO

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a distinguished past Member of this House, the Honorable Carlos Romero Barcelo, also former Governor of Puerto Rico, who passed away on May 2, 2021.

Congressman Romero Barcelo represented the people of Puerto Rico in this Congress from 1993 to 2001.

He was not only a dear friend, but also a mentor whose tireless, lifelong devotion for the equality of all island residents inspired me to follow his footsteps.

I ask that the House observe a moment of silence in his memory.

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RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE STACY HINSHAW AND ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(Mrs. SPARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week to recognize the members of law enforcement who bravely serve to protect our communities across the Nation.

I would also like to give a special recognition to Detective Stacy Hinshaw from the Lawrence Police Department for being named detective of the year. During the year 2020, Detective Hinshaw worked over 119 cases, the vast majority involving complex child abuse and sexual assaults. Detective Hinshaw has developed an extensive network of support resources for victims in partnership with many community organizations and has been recognized by the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office for her work.

Congratulations to Detective Stacy Hinshaw, and I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for all law enforcement officers.

RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Civil Air Patrol, otherwise known as CAP. I have had personal experience with Civil Air Patrol, as my son, Trey, was a member of the Civil Air Patrol while in high school. He gained valuable leadership skills that led him to graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy and now serving as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Civil Air Patrol protects our homeland by serving as the Air Force's official auxiliary. CAP is active in all 50 States.

Last year alone, the Civil Air Patrol saved 130 lives while responding to devastating natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires. CAP also helped States distribute COVID-19 test kits, personal protective equipment, and other essential goods, making it their largest mobilization effort since World War II.

Greater funding for the force will allow the Civil Air Patrol to train more pilots, continue its cadet program, and purchase much-needed equipment. I want to thank the Civil Air Patrol national legislative coordinator, Dr. Gerald Marketos, for his strong leadership and compassionate commitment to our Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me and Representative MIKE THOMPSON to support Civil Air Patrol funding appropriation requests for fiscal year 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

PUPPIES ASSISTING WOUNDED SERVICEMEMBERS FOR VETERANS THERAPY ACT

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1448) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1448

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act” or the “PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act”.

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PILOT PROGRAM ON DOG TRAINING THERAPY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall commence the conduct of a pilot program to provide canine training to eligible veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (in this section referred to as “PTSD”) as an element of a complementary and integrative health program for such veterans.

(b) DURATION; MEDICAL CENTERS.—

(1) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program under subsection (a) for a five-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of the pilot program.

(2) MEDICAL CENTERS.—The Secretary shall ensure that such pilot program is carried out by not fewer than five medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in geographically diverse areas.

(c) AGREEMENTS WITH ENTITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall seek to enter into agreements with nongovernmental entities that the Secretary determines have the demonstrated ability to provide the canine training specified in subsection (a).

(d) REQUIRED CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall include in any agreement under subsection (c) conditions requiring that the nongovernmental entity seeking to enter into the agreement—

(1) submits to the Secretary certification that the entity is an accredited service dog training organization;

(2) agrees to ensure that veterans participating in the pilot program under subsection (a) receive training from certified service dog training instructors for a period of time determined appropriate by the entity;

(3) agrees to ensure that veterans participating in such pilot program are prohibited from having access to a dog under such pilot program at any time during such participation without the supervision of a certified service dog training instructor;

(4) agrees to ensure that veterans participating in such pilot program receive training in skills unique to the needs of the veteran to address or alleviate PTSD symptoms of the veteran;

(5) agrees not to use shock collars or prong collars as training tools and to use positive reinforcement training; and

(6) agrees to provide any follow-up training support specified in subsection (e)(2), as applicable.

(e) ADOPTION OF DOG.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A veteran who has participated in the pilot program under subsection (a) may adopt a dog that the veteran assisted in training during such pilot program if the veteran and the veteran's health provider (in consultation with the entity that provided the canine training with respect to the dog under such pilot program) determine that it is in the best interest of the veteran.

(2) FOLLOW-UP TRAINING SUPPORT.—If a veteran adopts a dog under paragraph (1), the entity that provided the canine training with respect to the dog under the pilot program shall provide follow-up training support for the life of the dog. Such support shall include the provision of a contact plan between the veteran and the entity that enables the veteran to seek and receive assistance from the entity to ensure the dog is being properly cared for.

(f) ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER CARE AND TREATMENT.—Participation in the pilot program under subsection (a) may not preclude a vet-

eran from receiving any other medical care or treatment for PTSD furnished by the Department, including therapy, for which the veteran is otherwise eligible.

(g) COLLECTION OF DATA.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) develop metrics and other appropriate means to measure, with respect to veterans participating in the pilot program under subsection (a)—

(A) the number of such veterans participating;

(B) the satisfaction of such veterans with the pilot program;

(C) whether participation in the pilot program resulted in any clinically relevant improvements for such veterans, as determined by the health care provider or clinical team that referred the veteran to participate in the pilot program; and

(D) such other factors as the Secretary may determine appropriate; and

(2) establish processes to document and track the progress of such veterans under the pilot program with respect to health benefits and improvements.

(h) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Not later than one year before the date on which the pilot program under subsection (a) terminates, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing the recommendations of the Secretary regarding—

(1) whether to extend or make permanent the pilot program; and

(2) the feasibility and advisability of expanding the pilot program to address mental health conditions other than PTSD.

(i) GAO BRIEFING AND STUDY.—

(1) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the date of the commencement of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the methodology established for the pilot program.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date on which the pilot program terminates, the Comptroller General shall submit to the committees specified in paragraph (1) a report on the pilot program. Such report shall include an evaluation of the approach and methodology used for the pilot program with respect to—

(A) assisting veterans with PTSD; and

(B) measuring relevant metrics, such as reduction in scores under the Clinician Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS), improvement in psychosocial function, and therapeutic compliance.

(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “accredited service dog training organization” means an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that—

(A) provides service dogs to veterans with PTSD; and

(B) is accredited by an accrediting organization with demonstrated experience, national scope, and recognized leadership and expertise in the training of service dogs and education in the use of service dogs (as determined by the Secretary).

(2) The term “eligible veteran” means a veteran who—

(A) is enrolled in the patient enrollment system in the Department of Veterans Affairs under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code; and

(B) has been recommended for participation in the pilot program under subsection (a) by a qualified mental health care provider or clinical team based on medical judgment that the veteran may benefit from such participation with respect to the diagnosed PTSD of the veteran.